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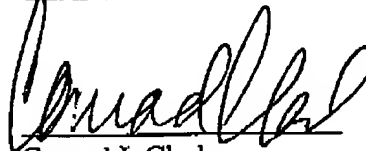
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Applicants hereby appeal from the final rejection of claims 1, 3-10 and 15-19.

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